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K-State Insect Zoo features family, kid-friendly exhibits



EMILY DESHAZER | THE COLLEGIAN

Beth Taggart and Kai Taggart, 5, examine a display of insects at the K-State Insect Zoo on Saturday. They traveled from Baldwin City to visit family and tour the zoo. The zoo's goal is to make visitors less afraid of insects and understand their role in our environment.

By JENA SAUBER
THE COLLEGIAN

After inspecting dozens of insects in glass aquariums, 5-year-old Kai Taggart finally decided that the tarantulas and walking sticks were his favorite.

"Look, there is a tarantula in the log," Kai said, bouncing between glass tanks. "And there's a walking stick on the glass."

Kai came with his mother, Beth Taggart, and his grandma, Sondra Visser, last Saturday to check out the K-State Insect Zoo.

"I love it," Beth Taggart said. "It's beneficial and he can learn so much."

More than a decade of success

The K-State Insect Zoo opened in 2002 in its current location, an old dairy barn in the KSU Gardens. Their collection of insects is composed of live specimens from around the world, including a native Kansas collection. The zoo trades specimens with other facilities, said Kiffnie Holt, zoo coordinator.

"Our main target audience is young people," Holt said. "We are creating an educational environment mostly used by families. It's a place to come learn to be more comfortable with the animals and to learn more about science."

The front entry of the zoo houses a realistic-looking tree and running water exhibit.

"It keeps it moist and warm in here, which the insects like," Holt said.

The back of the zoo features a "kitchen exhibit" with a fruit bowl on the counter, dry goods in cabinets, and food in a refrigerator to show what insects can do to household items when unmanaged. A sink, covered by a plastic shield, illustrates the insect activity that can happen if sinks aren't cleaned regularly.

Big operation

For each insect on display in the

zoo, they keep a "back up" behind the scenes, Holt said.

"We are certified by the USDA to raise things like the walking sticks which aren't native to here," Holt said. "We have protocols to keep everything contained."

Water is very important to their survival.

"Some things actually have to drink water off the leaves," Holt said. "We can have one day off, but we can never have two days off where someone doesn't come in and water the leaves, because they live in a place where it rains every day."

The zoo's busiest days during the school year are Saturdays, Holt said. They can see more than 60 guests on a very busy day during the school year, but average fewer, Holt said. During the summer, they average about a thousand people a month, Holt said.

Holt is the only full-time employee of the zoo. They rely on part-time student employees, often students in the entomology field, to help guide guests and run the zoo.

Approximately half of the zoo's funding comes from admission and gift shop revenue; a quarter comes from donations, and the remaining quarter of the revenue comes from grants.

Tarantulas popular

Alex Mendoza, 6, and his parents Melchi and Phillip Mendoza, visited the zoo last Saturday.

"It's our first time," Melchi Mendoza said. "It's just something for us to do on the weekend."

Alex examined the walking sticks close up, comparing the different species.

"I see one that looks like a leaf right there," he said, pointing into an aquarium.

A few of the bugs elicited an "ew" or two out of Alex, but he didn't shy away from the multi-tiered display of tarantulas.

"I like them because they are big," he said.



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Phillip Mendoza and his son **Alex**, 6, look at discoid roaches at the K-State Insect Zoo on Saturday. In the summer, the zoo averages 1,000 visitors a month.

Making a difference

The reactions from people that come through the zoo vary, Holt said.

"You never know what you are going to get," Holt said. "Some people are here because they think it's gross and they want to gross themselves out, or other people out."

There are people "in the middle" that aren't sure how they feel about bugs, Holt said. Sometimes, she said she can convince them to feel comfortable and enjoy the experience.

"Then there is that 10 percent of people that are just like me that I live for," Holt said. "They are bug crazy and go crazy in here and think it's just the best thing in the world."

Butterfly garden in future

The zoo is currently raising money for a butterfly garden to be located immediately north of the zoo where the

rose garden is currently located.

"We have permission and we have space and we have plans," Holt said. "The only thing we really lack right now is the funding."

The current rose garden would be moved for the butterfly garden, Holt said.

For love of the job

Working in a place filled with "creepy crawlies," as they are sometimes called, is very rewarding, Holt said. She said she enjoys the opportunity to educate area families and children.

"Getting to those people where we can change their attitudes is rewarding," Holt said. "There are always going to be people who are so ingrained to hate bugs because of horror movies and things like that, but if I can change some minds, that's great."

Kansas, Manhattan area briefs for Jan. 28

By KAREN SARITA INGRAM
THE COLLEGIAN

Kansas Day to be observed Wednesday

Jan. 29 marks Kansas Day, a celebration of the day 153 years ago that Kansas became a U.S. State. K-State will be celebrating with a luncheon and presentations from faculty to remember the contributions that Kansas has made to the nation. The luncheon will be in the Hemisphere Room of Hale Library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students are welcome to attend.

Annual MLK memorial and vigil to be held in K-State Student Union

A memorial program and candlelight vigil will take place in Forum Hall, located in the K-State Student Union, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday Jan. 29. The event will be followed by a reception where hot chocolate will be provided.

Gas prices on the rise

Gasbuddy.com reports the price of gasoline in Kansas has risen 5 cents over the last week while the average price for the rest of the nation remains steady. As of Sunday, gas prices in Kansas averaged \$3.10 per gallon. This is 17 cents lower than the current national average and 8.8 cents per gallon lower than Kansas gas prices one year ago.

Kansas woman dies in jail

The family of a Kansas City woman are demanding an investigation after she died from unknown causes while in jail. Brenda Sewell, 58, was pulled over for speeding on Jan. 20 with her sister in Goodland, Kan. The women were arrested when it was discovered they had marijuana in their possession, which they had purchased in Colorado, where the drug has recently become legal. Two days later, Sewell began to foam at the mouth and was transported to Goodland Regional Medical Center, where she was declared dead. Her sister, Joy Biggs, and other relatives allege that police officers at the jail did not respond promptly when Sewell showed signs of distress, and may have contributed to her death.

Kansas sperm donor ordered to pay child support

Shawnee County District Court Judge Mary Mattivi ruled that William Marotta would have to pay child support, despite the fact that he signed papers waiving his parental rights. Marotta answered a Craigslist ad in 2009 seeking a sperm donor for a lesbian couple who wanted to conceive. Mattivi stated that since Marotta did not comply with Kansas law, which requires a physician to oversee the artificial insemination process, he is technically responsible for the child.

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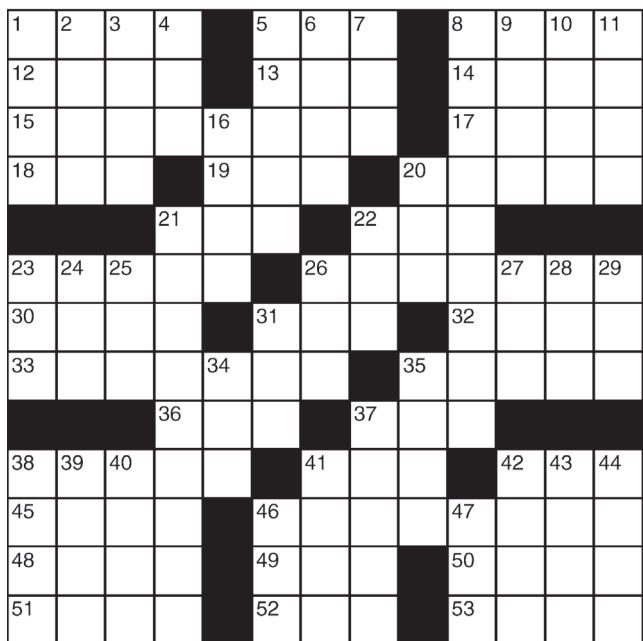
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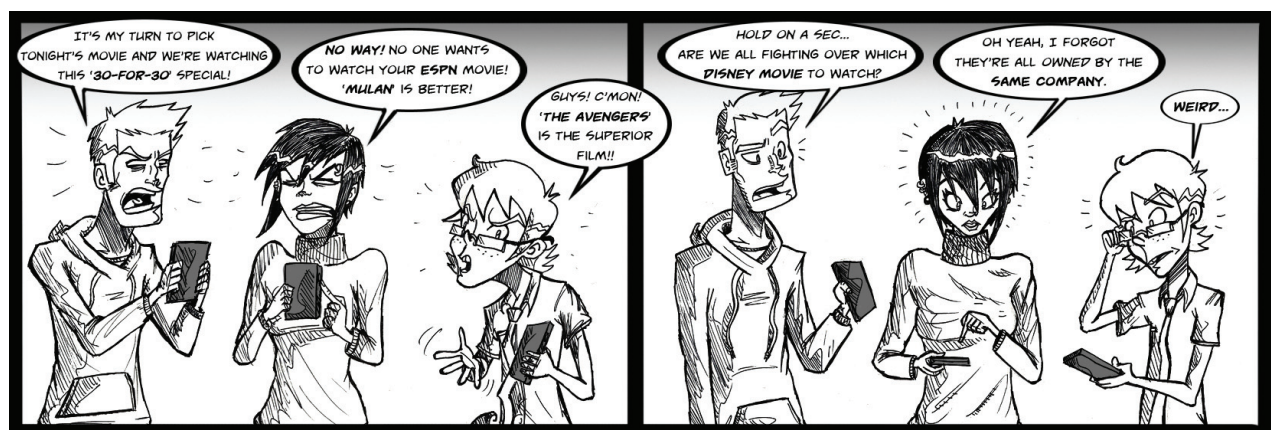
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For The Win | By Parker Wilhelm



The Weekly Planner

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K-State vs Texas Tech
7 p.m. Bramlage Coliseum

SGA Senate Meeting
8:30-10:30 p.m.
College Center Conference Room

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5:30 p.m. Courtyard, K-State Student Union

Wednesday, Jan. 29

Agri-Industry Career Fair Exhibition
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2nd Floor, K-State Student Union

Kansas Day Celebration Luncheon
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hemisphere Room, Hale Library

Women's Basketball
K-State vs Oklahoma, Women in Sports Day
7 p.m. Bramlage Coliseum

Annual MLK Memorial Program and Candlelight Vigil
7 p.m. Forum Hall, K-State Student Union

Thursday, Jan. 30

MLK Fellowship Luncheon
11:30 a.m. Ballroom K-State Alumni Center

John Steuart Curry and Kansas: The Muse is Not Amused
6 p.m. Beach Museum of Art

Friday, Jan. 31

Tennis
K-State vs. Northern Iowa
1 p.m. Body First Fitness and Tennis Center

Laying of the Wreaths
2 p.m. MLK Bust, Ahearn Fieldhouse

Bull Riding Invitational
7 p.m. Weber Hall

An Evening with Bernadette Peters
7:30 p.m. McCain Auditorium

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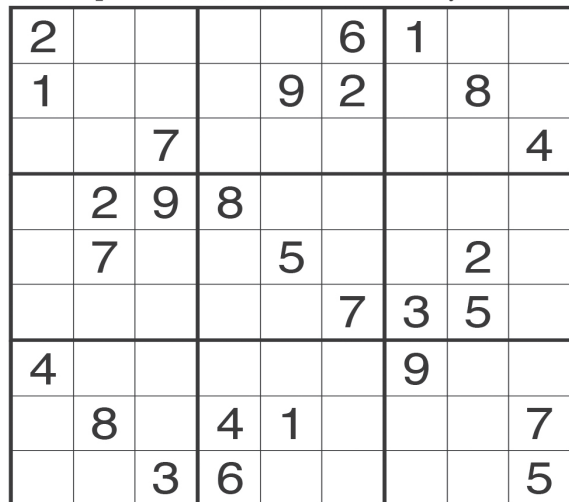
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K-State vs. Liberty
12 p.m. Body First Fitness and Tennis Center

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7 p.m. Forum Hall, Student Union

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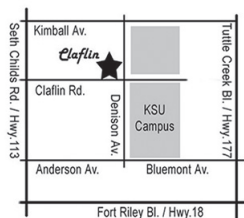
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Junior guard **Ashia Woods** goes up for a basket during the Wildcats' loss to KU in Bramlage Coliseum on Saturday. Woods has been increasingly helpful to the team after rehabilitation from an Achilles injury.

Powercat Profile: Ashia Woods steadily improving

BY AUSTIN EARL
THE COLLEGIAN

After successfully returning from an Achilles injury, K-State junior guard Ashia Woods has once again emerged as a key contributor for the Wildcats. Woods' season ended early in 2013 when she ruptured her left Achilles tendon on Jan. 21, but she is back this season and playing better than ever for the Wildcats.

"One thing I was going to focus on the most was just defense," Woods said after her injury in an interview for K-State Sports. "[Also] just flat out being tough, and just hustling for the ball. I mean, my first game back, I was able to do that and be more confident in taking drives. The coaches saw I was more confident and really didn't second guess myself because of the injury."

Rehabilitation from an Achilles injury takes a long time. According to the University of Wisconsin Sports Medicine department, a patient should not run for four months after their surgery. Getting back to Division I basketball shape after an injury like that takes a lot of toughness, which is one thing Woods says she has.

"To be tough, to be mentally tough, to know the game is

going to have a lot of changes. There's going to be runs and you're not going to play well every day," she told K-State Sports. "You're not going to make shots all the time, so to do what you do best and know what you can control: defense, rebounding, the little things."

Woods missed the first four games of the 2013-14 campaign, but has played in every game since and averages 9.9 points per game, which is second on the team. Woods averaged four points less per game last season; so not only has she come back from an injury, but she has also showed improvement. In addition to improving on the offensive end, Woods has snagged 31 steals this year, showing her worth on defense.

Woods' best game came against the defending national champion Baylor Bears, when she scored 27 points with five rebounds and six steals.

"Ashia has not been posting these types of scoring numbers but she has run the offense, screening, wanted to catch it, made the next pass and executed," head coach Deb Patterson said after the game, according to K-State Sports. "If the play breaks down, she figures out how to fix it. She has been bringing that and tonight we saw continued improvement."

Woods' success should not come as a surprise. She played high school basketball

at Wichita Collegiate School, where she was a McDonald's All-American candidate. She was a three-time All-State selection by the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association, and all-league four times.

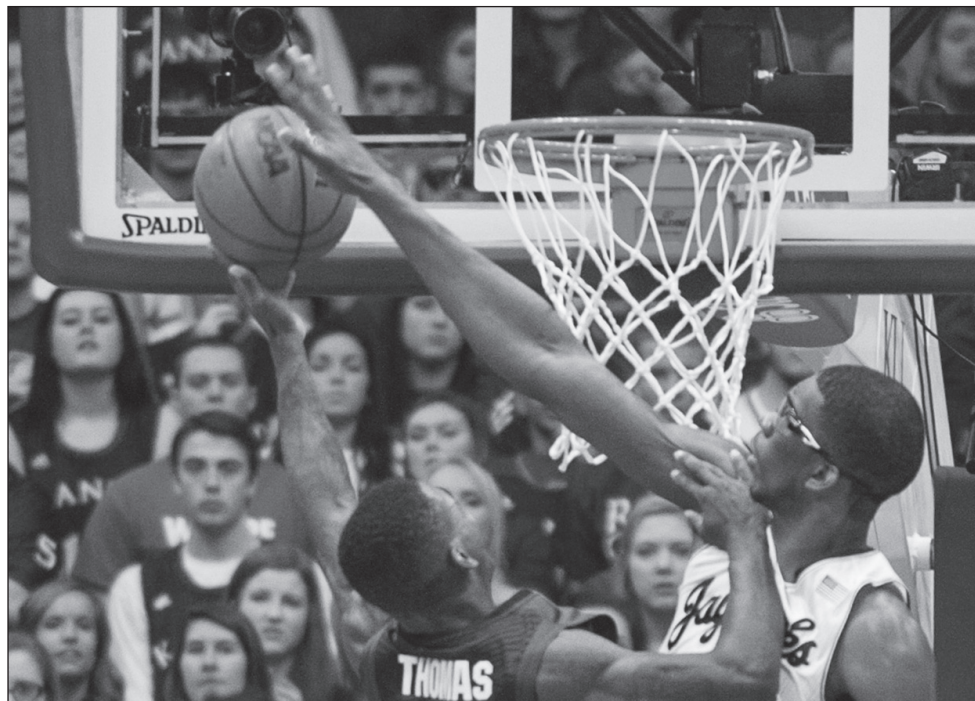
"I think that Ashia's ceiling is unlimited, the sky's the limit for her," senior forward Katya Leick said. "The one thing that I can say is that we can expect that she's going to work hard."

During her senior season at Wichita Collegiate, Woods averaged 22 points, eight rebounds and four steals per game. The Wichita native was a very accomplished player coming out of high school.

"In high school I played inside, but I could step out and shoot it, which they weren't expecting," Woods told K-State Sports her freshman year. "Now as a two or a three, it's totally different. I knew the plan was to move me outside, but there was no real way to get ready for it without really experiencing it."

The Wildcats have struggled this season, sitting just above Texas Tech at the bottom of the Big 12. Despite the struggles, the Wildcats recognize that they are a young squad. With players like Woods and freshman guard Leticia Romero, the future looks bright for the Wildcats. Woods will have one season of eligibility remaining after this year.

Athleticism, consistency keys to Joel Embiid's dominance as country's best



EMILY DESHAZER | THE COLLEGIAN

Kansas freshman center **Joel Embiid** blocks K-State freshman guard **Jevon Thomas**'s shot at Allen Fieldhouse on Jan. 11. Embiid has been projected by many experts to be at the top of the upcoming NBA Draft.

BY MARK VACA
THE COLLEGIAN

In a college basketball season dominated by freshmen, it's only fitting that the best player in the nation be a freshman. Kansas' Joel Embiid is the best player for many reasons. It truly is a testament to his relentless work ethic that he has come this far in such a short time. What many people fail to realize is that he has only been playing the game of basketball for three years now. His growth from the beginning of this year is head and shoulders above anyone else's. He can do things that no other player in the nation can even dream of doing.

The first reason that he is the best player is his size. You can't teach size and you can't make a player grow. The fact that he is 7 feet tall allows him to do things that others are unable to. His range to recover and block shots and shoot over defenders is something that every NBA general manager dreams of.

He is not the only 7-footer playing college basketball. The thing that sets him apart from the rest of the pack is his footwork. Embiid is as nimble and

quick-footed as many small forwards. The special big men are the ones that have that rare blend of size and quickness, which is exactly what he has.

As his minutes have increased this season, so have his numbers. He is averaging 11 points per game and almost eight rebounds. These are less than average numbers for a nation's top player, but Embiid was not a starter at the beginning of the season and didn't get the amount of minutes he does now. Since becoming a starter, he has catapulted himself into a potential number one overall pick in next year's NBA draft.

Embiid seems to have his best games against ranked opponents. In the seven games against ranked opponents, he has scored in double figures in five. Kansas' biggest threat, Oklahoma State, had no answer for him. Embiid was two blocks away from a triple double, and finished the game with 13 points and 11 boards. Against Big 12 foe Iowa State, Embiid put the team on his back in the second half and carried them to victory. In that game, he finished with 16 points and nine boards. His improvement is seen in every single game, and that trend will continue.

He is not the most offensively polished player in college, but that is easily improved with practice. Offense is the worst attribute in his game, yet he is still one of the best offensive players in the nation. He has a full arsenal of moves to choose from anywhere on the court. He has made a couple three pointers, has a left and right hook and also has some mid-range touch.

Embiid definitely needs to get a lot stronger if he wants to last at the next level. His rebounding right now is also subpar for a man of his size, but that will come with experience and strength. His work ethic and ability to learn on the fly is off the charts. The most important attributes that a player needs to succeed are exactly what this young man possesses. Although he needs to work on these things, he has the highest ceiling of anyone playing right now.

There are other players that one could make a case for, and he probably won't win player of the year, but Embiid is the most talented player hands down in my opinion. He will have a longer and more successful professional career than the other players, and that is the main reason he is at the top of my list.

Oklahoma State's Marcus Smart undoubtedly nation's top player

BY ANDREW CARLSEN
THE COLLEGIAN

Oklahoma State sophomore guard Marcus Smart has led the Cowboys to a 16-4 record so far this season and is in the running for National Player of the Year.

Last season, he led the Cowboys to a 24-9 record and a No. 5 seed in the NCAA Tournament. He was projected to be a top five pick in last year's NBA Draft, but waited one more year to come back to the Big 12, causing more headaches for opposing teams. This season, Smart is averaging 17.1 points per game and is a force to be reckoned with. He also averages 5.7 rebounds per game and 4.4 assists per game.

The best part about Marcus Smart, however, is that you can see his leadership ability every time he takes the court. For example, during the Cowboys' game against the Kansas Jayhawks last Saturday, Smart only shot 3-14 from the field and had just 16 points, 10 of which came from the free throw line. Look beyond that, however, and you see that Smart led the Cowboys in rebounds with 10 and also had nine assists. Despite the relatively low scoring total, he was only an assist away from a triple-double. People are quick to praise Kansas freshman Joel Embiid for his spectacular game against Oklahoma State, but if you look at the overall picture, Smart is no doubt the best player in the country.

It all started when Smart joined the Cowboys in 2012 and first led them to a championship win in the Puerto Rico Tip-Off over teams like Tennessee and then-No. 6 North Carolina State. After that, the team won big games throughout the season, including top ten wins on the road against Kansas and at home against K-State. These, along with

other wins, helped Oklahoma State finish third in the Big 12 Conference and earn a fifth seed in the NCAA Tournament. A tough loss to No. 25 Oregon in the first round put a quick end to the season, but Smart was not done. He was in the running for National Player of the Year and received multiple honors including Big 12 Freshman of the Year, First Team All Big 12, Big 12 Conference Player of the Year, and second team All-American.

Smart has not disappointed so far in his sophomore campaign. In the Nov. 19th game against No. 11 Memphis, Smart tied an Oklahoma State single

game scoring record when he scored 39 points in one game against the Tigers, leading the Cowboys to a 101-80 win. The Cowboys are currently ranked 8th in the AP Poll and 10th in the USA Today Rankings.

Smart will have plenty more opportunities to prove that he is the best player in the country as the season continues. At 6' 4," Smart is a threat to drive to the rim and throw down a dunk or pull up and drain a jumper. Combine that with his tenacious leadership ability, and Smart could make yet another case to stake claim to the title of college basketball's premier player.



PARKER ROBB | THE COLLEGIAN

Oklahoma State guard **Marcus Smart** attempts a last-effort jump shot in the final seconds of the Cowboys' 74-71 upset loss to the Wildcats in Bramlage Coliseum on January 4.

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Guide to basic social media etiquette for online age



MIKE STANTON
THE COLLEGIAN

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The Internet is a strange place. It has become something of a virtual reality for our generation where we can do all our reading, watching, shopping and even socializing without moving.

But with social interactions moving increasingly online, a new set of rules and expectations are developing. If you want to get the most out of your social media experience and avoid embarrassing yourself in the process, check out the guidelines I've compiled below.

Do: Post frequently enough that people know you exist, but not enough that they grow to despise you. It's a very fine line, but it's a crucial balance to maintain. If you find yourself rapidly losing friends or followers after a barrage of posts, you've probably crossed it. However, if you haven't said a thing since June 2011, there's really no point to having an account in the first place.

Don't: Complain too much. Sure, it's fine to lament about your early class or the cold weather once in awhile, but you don't want to come across as whiny. If every tweet or status update you write is negative, people will assume you're a negative person and won't want to interact with you in real life.

Do: Check your spelling and grammar. Maybe it's the writer in me coming out, but there are few things more infuriating than a college student consistently messing up "your" and "you're" or "there" and "their." It makes you look unintelligent and gives the rest of us a bad rap by association.

Don't: Post stuff that you wouldn't want a future boss seeing. Sure, this is the most cliché piece of social media advice out there, but it's one you should take seriously. Potential employers these days will definitely cyber-stalk you before they offer you a job. Is it worth risking employment for the potential favorites on a tweet about the dozen shots you just threw back in Aggieville? Probably not.

Do: Follow worthwhile accounts. Social media is an awesome way to keep yourself informed about stuff that actually matters, provided that you utilize it right. Find some journalists and news outlets you like to balance out the pictures of puppies and expensive cars, so your time online is at least a little more educational. There's a lot going on in the world; it's important to stay on top of it.

Don't: Be sensitive. If you ask me, this is the golden rule of social media. The very concept of Twitter, Facebook and similar networks is to give people a platform to promote their views and observations. You're not going to agree with all of them, but that doesn't mean you should take each post that falls on the other side of the political fence as a personal insult. Just roll your eyes at what you perceive to be their ignorance, and move on with your life. There are no winners in online philosophical arguments, so it's best to just avoid them.

By no means is this an exhaustive list of all the guidelines of online interaction. However, if you stick with my advice, you'll be on the right track to building a good social media presence.

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Letter to the Editor: Rogers ignores Golden Rule when addressing same-sex marriage

To the editor,

We are writing in response to Andrew Rogers' opinion article concerning same-sex marriage that appeared in the Thursday, Jan. 23 edition of The Collegian. In his opin-

ion article, Mr. Rogers put forward unrealistic possibilities concerning the involvement of the state in certifying marriages and cited the usual types of misinformation (i.e., that all "sin" should be criminalized and the heterosexual marriage

"stabilizes" society).

These arguments are based on a narrowly held and false set of assumptions. Specifically, he assumes that same-sex marriage (and homosexuality) is a sin and that in some way same-sex marriages negatively

impact societal stability and humankind. We know that these assumptions are not held by all Christians and certainly not by U.S. citizens as indicated by recent polling data.

Furthermore, there are a slew of studies we could cite

that counter those included in his piece. We would like to suggest a fourth Biblically supported option for all people, regardless of religious affiliation; simply be accepting and love thy neighbor.

Sincerely,

Michael Herman
professor of biology
Dorinda Lambert
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Ted Morgan
associate professor of biology

Street Talk

Q: What is your favorite board game or gaming app?



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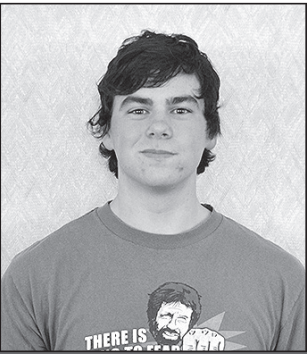
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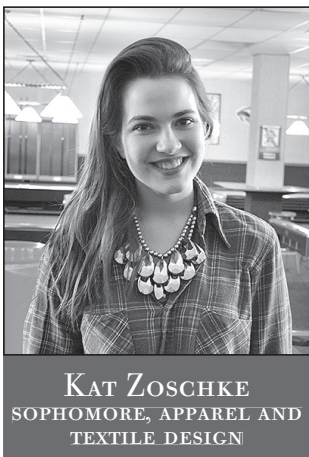
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Canvas Management System outperforms KSOL



JENA SAUBER
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In his guest editorial yesterday, student body president Eli Schooley introduced Canvas: the new Learning Management System. It is being piloted with approximately 2,000 students in 90 class sections across campus and is currently the front runner to replace the K-State Online management system currently used.

I have been using Canvas for almost a week as one of the "guinea pig" students in Web Techniques, instructed by Kelly Fumas in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications. In the short time I've been using it, I've completely changed my loyalty. KSOL was never that great, and Canvas is much more user friendly with its intuitive programs and opportunities. Canvas is set up similarly to KSOL. You can access each class (I only have one now) from the home screen, called the "dashboard," as well as configure your preferences for what

appears there. Once you enter a classes' home page, you can access assignments, discussions, grades, people, pages, files, the syllabus and quizzes from separate tabs.

Each of those tabs is further broken down very linearly into separate entries or assignments. I can track every single assignment throughout the semester and how many points it is worth. By clicking on an assignment, I can see when it's due, guidelines, links to additional websites and a rubric. This is all accessible without downloading files, which always have a way of getting lost or not opening and don't transfer easily between computers.

The "people" tab element is very helpful, especially in smaller to medium-sized classes. The roster includes students' first and last names, making it much easier to find their email addresses through the university's website. Miss a class and need to know what to do? You've got two or three dozen people you can ask. Didn't catch your group member's last name? You're searching through way fewer names to find that missing link.

The "pages" tab is exceptional. It is a one-stop shop for compiling resources and sharing information in a stream lined and effective way. The individual "pages" within the tab can host graphics, links, text, pictures and more. In my particular class, we also use it to link to our Word Press blog system and other extra websites, ensuring all resources remain accessible to all students, at all times.

The addition of a syllabus tab is extremely helpful, as well.

In KSOL, syllabi are buried under "course content," named any combination of the words "syllabus," "spring" and who knows what else. Giving it a direct location cuts down on this search, which happens multiple times a semester without fail.

The discussion, files and grade tabs are formatted very similarly to KSOL, but with an updated and cleaner appearance.

The grading abilities, from an instructor's standpoint, are also new and improved; they now have the ability to view assignments submitted to Canvas and the grading rubric simultaneously among other improvements.

I have used KSOL both as a student and an instructor when I taught a small group in LEAD 212, Introduction to Leadership Studies. To date, it has been simply functional as a student, basically because there was no other option. I felt like an unconnected observer of the system, not an active participant. Things were easily lost, not updated, and uninviting.

As an instructor, there were many limitations; entering and tracking grades was tedious, and there were limited opportunities to connect and build upon content for a mutual benefit. Many times, I questioned why the system was designed that way, and how it could be made better.

Another benefit to Canvas is the opportunity for mobile access. According to Schooley, the program has the ability to be integrated into an app, accessible from mobile devices. This is a major plus, and would make it more user-friendly.

If the university does switch

to Canvas, the key to making the transition successful will be understanding the potential it has for collaborative learning and online management, both by students and professors. I'm sure we've all had at least one or two professors who didn't use KSOL for anything – not even posting grades. On the other hand, there are discussion threads and assignment rubrics that go neglected by students.

There is, of course, the potential for that to happen in Canvas. But when used properly by both parties, it has the potential to greatly enhance the online component of education at K-State.

According to the Information Technology Services' website, Microsoft Office documents, videos, images, PDFs, chat archives, questions from the question bank and Wimba archives will transfer through to Canvas if the change occurs. Message boards, private message content, group information, and assignment grading rules, dates, times and announcements will not be migrated.

Testing will continue to happen throughout the spring. Information Technology Services will compile student and faculty feedback, and move forward on the possible transition based on the findings. Unfortunately, I will have graduated before any changes are made, but I am optimistic for the future of K-State's online academic system if we continue in the direction of Canvas.

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Digital applications increasingly taking place of traditional board game

By CHEYANNA COLBORN
THE COLLEGIAN

Sitting in a coffee shop, you might see a mother and her son sitting at a table together. They are not talking. The mom takes a tablet and makes a swiping motion on the screen before handing it to her son.

This continues for 10 minutes until, suddenly, the son throws his hands up and does an excited victory dance. Turns out, he just won a round of Scrabble against his mom without ever touching a wooden tile- thanks to the versatility to technology.

This is a different view of what people may typically picture when it comes to family games. Images of colorful boards, game pieces, dice and cards spread out across a kitchen or dining room table may traditionally come to mind. What probably doesn't come to mind, however, is a small device capable of holding a closet worth of games in the palm of your hand.

Aaron Heil, sophomore in English, said the online version of the popular civilization-building game Settlers of Catan is a good example of

board game converted to an online version.

"The website [is in the] base stage, so they are still working out the kinks," Heil said. "It is a good thing they have the website for the game, because in my opinion, the target audience is nerdy guys who want to play online when they are not in the same room with other people."

In spite of the convenience of having an online version of the game, Heil said he did not prefer it over the traditional "hard" copy, saying that he would much rather play with others in person. The digital version does, however, present the option to play with those who can't always gather around the same table, he said.

"I use the online version because I play with my brother and our friends in other cities," Heil said. "We are in Kansas City, Manhattan and Wichita and the online game works because we can just text or call whenever we play."

Another perk to the online version of Settlers of Catan is game chat, which allows the players to communicate while playing the game.

"When we play we are able to chat about other things,"



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While traditional board games often offer nostalgia and personal interaction, many are using digitally-driven alternatives to increase convenience and replace the limitations of the traditional games.

Heil said. "It is a way to connect even though we are not in the same area."

Games linked to social media have emerged in the past few years, including Draw Something, Words with Friends and Ruzzle. These types of games allow individuals to keep a stream of games going over a longer period of

time without needing much of an attention span. Each person can play their turn, then go about their day until the other player is able to make a move.

"At one point, my friend told me to download an app so we can play Ruzzle together," Armando Rodriguez, sophomore in fine arts, said. "It gave us a way to stay connected

during the day without making random conversation. I do notice that people go crazy over the new online games and play them for a couple months non-stop and then it just fades off."

Rodriguez said he appreciates certain aspects of both digital and real games.

"Board games have the frustrating thing that you lose vi-

tal pieces to the game and then you cannot play the game correctly," Rodriguez said. "(An online game) gets rid of that possibility. But the downfall to online games is that it is easier to cheat because you are not surrounded by other people; you do not have to bluff when playing a card game because no one can see."

For people who are interested in playing games with friends, but are worried about a budget, online options are generally free or are pretty cheap.

"A person buys Monopoly for \$25 and (they) play it once, and then they are (out) a lot of money for a one time thing," Rodriguez said.

Regardless of the cost, some prefer the richness of the time with friends while playing board games in person.

Abigail Dillion, freshman in clinical lab science med tech, said she prefers the face-to-face contact of playing a board game at a table with a group of friends.

"Technology is not as personal as face-to-face," Dillion said. "(With) board games on devices, you cannot get together with a group of friends and really have fun."

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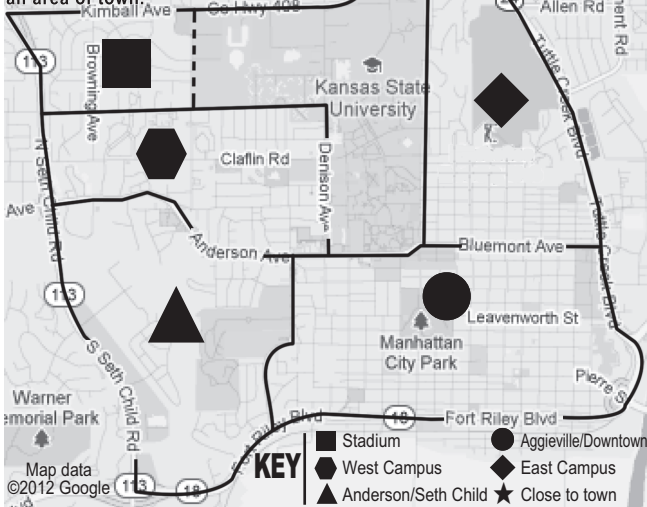
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Snapchat updates its ever-changing app on iPhone, Android systems

By MEGAN WHEELER
THE COLLEGIAN

Users say ability to open snaps more than one time “undermines concept” of mobile application

Snapchat is an app for both the Apple and Android devices, where the user is able to take a photo or video and send it to their friends for a restricted time limit of 10 seconds before it erases itself from the recipient's device. Last November, the app's developers released an update that allows recipients to view the sent image or video material multiple times within a 24-hour period.

“This update completely undermines the concept of Snapchat,” Jillian McKellips, sophomore in Christian ministry at Manhattan Christian College, said. “The whole idea of Snapchat is to send meaningless pictures to your friends. If the goal was to share pictures, then people would be texting the pictures and videos to their friends or posting them on Facebook.”

Joseph Langr, sophomore in

electrical engineering, said he has never used the features to re-open the photos.

“It takes away purpose of the application as a whole,” Langr said. “It also makes screenshots a lot easier, allowing people to spread pictures more easily.”

Snapchat, on its most basic level, allows its users to share a photo or video with their friends without the fear of embarrassment that could be caused if the material was permanently documented. By increasing the amount of times an image or video can be accessed, users may or may not run the risk of losing control of their material, depending on whether or not the recipient of the Snapchat decides to screenshot the photo.

“Some of the new features are nice to have, but they are definitely not a core value of the app,” Langr said.

Not everyone, however, views the new update negatively. Micah Daniels, freshman in computer science, said he thinks that being able to review

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the material multiple times will make it easier for users to share more important images with others.

“The new update does not affect the purpose of Snapchat,” Daniels said. “But rather it allows people to express them-

selves to each other slightly more. The update remains true to the concept of Snapchat but enhances the features of the app.”

The new update for Snapchat also includes new fonts for the typed messages that can be

sent over the images.

“I use the (Snapchat Stories) feature quite a bit,” Daniels said. “The other features I don't generally bother with all that much. They personally don't interest me, but I have seen them used before, and they are pretty cool.”

Marian Coeburn, freshman in Christian ministry at Manhattan Christian College, said she thoroughly enjoys the added features of Snapchat; saying they improve what the app has to offer its users.

“The new update broadens Snapchat's horizons, allowing people to be more creative with their snaps, making them more personable,” Coeburn said.

She said the different filters help her to better convey

different moods she is in, and by changing the text she is able to control the emphasis of her messages.

“I think that by using Snapchat instead of standard text messaging, I am able to stay better connected with my friends and family,” Coeburn said. “I am able to send them photos and now videos of my daily life, and I can have a message attached if I choose to. By sending a Snapchat, it makes it more special. I would much rather receive a snap as opposed to a text message.”



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